

## DOCUMENT DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDING DELIVERY OF AN ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[00038] The present invention provides a method and apparatus for suspending delivery of electronic documents, that is, stopping and restarting electronic delivery of documents according to a user's preset schedule. The method may include the steps of entering a delivery schedule for the document into an electronic receiving device, and automatically suspending, without user intervention, delivery of the document based on the delivery schedule, then automatically restarting delivery at the time indicated by the user. In an electronic document delivery system, the apparatus for automatically suspending delivery of a document may include a scheduling unit and a suspension control unit. The scheduling unit is used to enter a delivery schedule for the electronic document into an electronic receiving device. The suspension control unit is coupled to the scheduling unit and automatically suspends and then restarts the delivery of the electronic document, without user intervention, based on the delivery schedule that is adjusted in accordance with a predetermined suspension scheme.

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